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MINUTES

**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD**

Via Adobe Connect

January 27, 2021
8:30 am Board Meeting

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Earley	Emily Niehaus
Gregg Galecki	James VanDerslice
Brandon Gordon	James Webb
Mike Luers	

Excused Jennifer Grant
 Kim Shelley

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry Campbell	Ken Hoffman
Emily Cantón	Brenda Johnson
Krystol Carfaro	John Mackey
Skyler Davies	Winnie Pan
Judy Etherington	Andrew Pompeo
Dan Griffith	Lonnie Shull
Angela Gunderson	Mark Stanger
	Jeff Studenka

OTHERS PRESENT

Meg Oswald	AGs Office
Marian Rice	Salt Lake City Dept of Public Utilities
David Tuck	Payson City
Travis Jockumen	Payson City
Brian Baker	Payson City
Bill Wright	Payson City
Cathy Jensen	Payson City
Kent Wilkerson	Mountain Green
Taylor Nielsen	Mountain Green
Jeff Richens	Price City

OTHERS PRESENT (Continued)

Jason Broome	Forsgren
Cliff Linford	Sunrise Engineering
Michael McFadden	Sunrise Engineering
Jay Whimpey	
John Merrett	
Robert Worley	
Shellie Turnbow	
Melissa Reynolds	
Theron Miller	

Mr. Galecki called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM and took roll call for the members of the Board and audience.

Mr. Galecki read the Electronic Meeting Notice with regards to the Water Quality Board meeting being held electronically, January 27, 2021 without an anchor location.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 BOARD MEETING

Motion: Mr. Gordon moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Board meeting.

Dr. VanDerslice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the correction of Tom Ward attending for Sandy City/Provo River Water Users.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Mackey addressed the Board as Dr. Gaddis was at a the NRAE Appropriations Sub Committee Meeting.

National and Regional

- EPA still in transition.
 - A Regional Administrator has not been appointed.
 - There has been an indication that the President will look at the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) as well as the changes that were made to the 401 rule.
- Financial Capability Assessment Guidance issued January 2021.

State and Division Issues and Initiatives

- Social Services Committee advanced proposal to transfer lab allocation of \$900,000 to Department of Environmental Quality.
- HB0215 Jordan River Improvement Amendments.
- Representative Branmer proposing a Utah Lake Authority to be formed. This would replace the Utah Lake Commission.
- Possible agency merger between Department of Environmental Quality and Division of Natural Resources and possibly others.

Division Updates

- Kim Shelley has been moved forward for confirmation by the Senate to be the Executive Director.
- Number of vacancies filled.
 - 2 new employees in the Compliance and Enforcement Section.
 - 1 new employee in the Individual Permitting Section.
 - 1 new employee in the General Permitting Section.

- 1 new employee in the Engineering Section.
- Most employees continue to telework.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Financial Report: Ms. Cantón updated the Water Quality Board on the Loan Funds and Hardship Grant Funds as indicated in the packet.

Mountain Green Sewer Improvement District Wastewater Treatment Project Introduction: Mr. Davies introduced the Board with a request for funding assistance in the amount of \$13,429,000. The MGSID will supply the other \$500,000 necessary to complete the project. This funding would provide a high impact per capita for the investment of Water Quality Board funding.

Price River Water Improvement District Wastewater Treatment Project Introduction: Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Wondimu introduced the Board with a request for funding assistance in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the modification of their water reclamation facility to bring it into compliance with the Technology Based Effluent Phosphorus Limit (TBPEL) that went into effect January 1, 2020. They are currently operating under a due diligence variance that was authorized to give them time to complete the necessary upgrades.

Payson City Wastewater Treatment Project Introduction: Ms. Wondimu and Mr. Pompeo introduced the Board with a request for funding assistance in the amount of \$23,000,000 for the modification of their water reclamation facility to bring it into compliance with the Technology Based Effluent Phosphorus Limit (TBPEL) that was placed into rule and went into effect January 1, 2020. They are currently operating under a due diligence variance that was authorized to give them time to complete the necessary upgrades.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wastewater Operator Certification Council 2021-2024 Appointment Recommendations: Ms. Etherington introduced the Board with a request to approve *Chad Burrell*, the Pretreatment and Safety Coordinator for Snyderville Basin Water Reclamation District, be appointed to fill the vacancy "representing certified wastewater treatment operators"; and *Rob Jaterka*, the District Inspector for Magna Water District, be appointed to fill the second vacancy "representing certified collection system operators." Both individuals hold Grade IV certifications in their representative classifications, and other wastewater certifications with over twenty years of experience in wastewater. The terms for the new appointments would begin February 1, 2021, and continue through January 31, 2024.

Motion: Mr. Earley moved to approve the Wastewater Operator Certification Council 2021-2024 Appointment Recommendations.

Dr. VanDerslice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Luers recusing himself.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. VanDerslice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To listen to the full recording of the Water Quality Board meeting.
<https://deq.utah.gov/boards/utah-water-quality-board-meetings>

Next Meeting – February 24, 2021 at 8:30 am
Via Adobe Connect
<https://utdeq.adobeconnect.com/wqb/>

Gregg A. Galecki
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Gregg Galecki, Vice Chair
Utah Water Quality Board